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To establish the National Office for Combatting Terrorism.

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Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BAYH, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

A BILL

To establish the National Office for Combatting Terrorism.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. NATIONAL OFFICE FOR COMBATTING TER-**
4 **RORISM.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established within
6 the Executive Office of the President an office to be known
7 as the “National Office for Combatting Terrorism” (in
8 this section referred to as the “Office”).

9 (b) OFFICERS.—(1) The head of the Office shall be
10 the Director of the National Office for Combatting Ter-

1 rorism, who shall be appointed by the President, by and
2 with the advice and consent of the Senate.

3 (2) The President shall assign to the Office such
4 other officers, if any, as the President, in consultation
5 with the Director, considers appropriate to discharge the
6 responsibilities of the Office.

7 (c) RESPONSIBILITIES.—Subject to the direction and
8 control of the President, the responsibilities of the Office
9 shall include the following:

10 (1) To develop policies, goals, objectives, and
11 priorities for the United States for the prevention of
12 and response to terrorism.

13 (2) To develop a comprehensive strategy for the
14 United States for the prevention of and response to
15 terrorism to be known as the “National Terrorism
16 Prevention and Response Strategy” (in this section
17 referred to as the “Strategy”).

18 (3) To coordinate, oversee, and evaluate the im-
19 plementation and execution of the Strategy by the
20 agencies of the Federal Government with respon-
21 sibilities for terrorism prevention and response
22 under the Strategy.

23 (4) To coordinate and oversee the programs
24 and activities of State and local governments as part
25 of the Strategy, including ensuring that mechanisms

1 exist for communication and coordination in the
2 event of a terrorist attack.

3 (5) To coordinate the development of a com-
4 prehensive annual budget for the programs and ac-
5 tivities under the Strategy, including the budgets of
6 the military departments and agencies within the
7 National Foreign Intelligence Program relating to
8 international terrorism, but excluding military pro-
9 grams, projects, or activities relating to force protec-
10 tion, and to review annually such annual budget and
11 the budgets of such departments and agencies relat-
12 ing to international terrorism.

13 (6) To certify to the President whether or not
14 the budget relating to terrorism of each agency of
15 the Federal Government with responsibilities for ter-
16 rorism prevention and response under the Strategy
17 is consistent with the Strategy.

18 (7) To carry out any other responsibilities relat-
19 ing to development, coordination, and implementa-
20 tion of United States policy on terrorism that the
21 President considers appropriate.

22 (d) RESOURCES.—The President shall, in consulta-
23 tion with the Director, assign or allocate to the Office such
24 resources, including funds, personnel, and other resources,

1 as the President considers appropriate in order to facili-
2 tate the discharge of the responsibilities of the Office.

3 (e) OVERSIGHT BY CONGRESS.—The location of the
4 Office in the Executive Office of the President shall not
5 be construed as affecting access by Congress, or any com-
6 mittee of Congress, to—

7 (1) any information, document, record, or paper
8 in the possession of the Office or any study con-
9 ducted by or at the direction of the Director; or

10 (2) any personnel of the Office.

11 (f) PAY OF DIRECTOR.—Section 5312 of title 5,
12 United States Code, is amended by inserting after the
13 item relating to the Director of National Drug Control
14 Policy the following new item:

15 “Director of the National Office for Combatting
16 Terrorism.”.

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